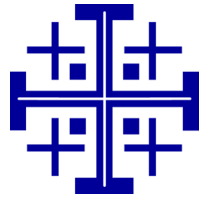




IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
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Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

January 4, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.
Youth-Led Sunday

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

Prelude: Prelude in D flat

Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional Hymn 102: “Once in royal David’s city”

verses 1,3,5, and 7

Irby

found in The Hymnal 1982

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hymn of Praise 92: “On this day earth shall ring ”

verse 1 *found in The Hymnal 1982*

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 84:1-8 *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 89: "It came upon the midnight clear"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Carol

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,*

*God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People:

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Clergy and People: *Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

Want to give electronically? While the alms basin is being passed, you can also make an offering online using your bank account, debit, or credit card: just scan the code at right.



Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "What Child is this, who, laid to rest"

William Chatterton Dix

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:
*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

found in The Hymnal 1982

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***


The Celebrant proceeds


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.


Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who by the mighty power of
the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we
might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are

19

 filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

24

 san - na in the high-est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

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 Lord Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na in the high - est.


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The Lord's Prayer

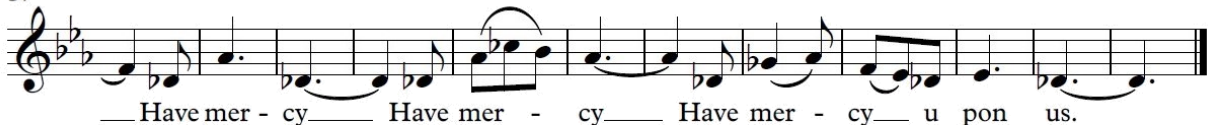
*Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen*

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

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 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a- way the sins of the world

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 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

We will receive at standing stations.

If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 84: “Love came down at Christmas” *found in* The Hymnal 1982 *Gartan*

Sung, if needed

Hymn 93: “Angels from the realms of glory” *found in* The Hymnal 1982 *Regent Square*

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*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father,
send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Hymn 94: “While shepherds watched their flocks by night”

Winchester Old

found in The Hymnal 1982

Postlude: Toccata in E

Johann Pachelbel

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

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| <i>Musicians:</i> | The Immanuel Chorus; Dr. Jane Tavernier, organ |
| <i>Adult Ushers:</i> | Stewart Skubel, Teresa Skubel |
| <i>Adult Altar Guild:</i> | Matt Haskin |
| <i>Flower Guild:</i> | Sally Guy Brown |
| <i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i> | Matt Haskin |
| <i>Audio Visual:</i> | Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas, Sharon Biache Blanchet |
| <i>Celebrant:</i> | The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs |

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

January 4, 2026

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST we welcome you
to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Please give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Ann MacNamara, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, the Jim and Lisa Clausen Family, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Thom Hussey, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Rev. Harry Benjamin, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, the Rev. John Hogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Judi Rhodes, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, Marty Childs, Matt, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Thomas Henry, Tim Williams, Tony, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Sham Suri II, Brian Young, Michael Reinemer, Stewart Skubel, Alma Yopp, George West, Leo Horne, Dagobert Soergel, Leslie Williams, Anne Hunger, Tom Shimkin, and Teresa Skubel.

Pray for those serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

Those who have died: Victims of the fire at Le Constellation in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, New Year's Eve. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Wednesday Quiet Prayer at Immanuel and the Seminary Continues Wednesdays 5:15

- 6:00 p.m., beginning January 7th. Clergy and congregational members of Immanuel share silent prayer time together on Wednesday evenings, with ordinands and faculty members from VTS, and (increasingly) with some members of other local churches. At a time of much need for prayer in our churches and in the world, especially in our ongoing prayers for world peace, we are responding to several requests to make this practice a weekly option for our parish(es) and the Seminary. We gather in the Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel, from 5:15-6:00pm each Wednesday evening. Please do consider joining us, either every week or when you have the time. This time of prayer can be used in many different and profitable ways; but the core theme is that, together, we wait on God's grace and respond to his calling. By coming together we offer, as Christ promised, more than the sum of our parts. We invite all to join us.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, January 6th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, January 7th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, January 8th
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline will Resume Friday, January 9th @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

Sunday, January 11th: **CHILDREN’S EPIPHANY PAGEANT WITH HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II,**
10 a.m., Immanuel Chapel

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*, January 7th, 2026

Join Sarah for fellowship this **Wednesday, January 7th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. **All are welcome!**



Parish-wide Invitation to **DAVID LLOYD'S EAGLE COURT OF HONOR**
Saturday January 10th at 2pm., Zabriskie Parish Hall.

David would like to extend this invitation to anyone in the parish that would like to attend.
We would love to see you there. *Kathy Lloyd and her son, David Lloyd*



COME JOIN US ON THE IMMANUEL BUS TO RICHMOND
WITH THE INTERFAITH CENTER, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

For the past several years, the Social Justice committee has joined with other Immanuelites for a stimulating and fun bus trip and day in Richmond to meet with our representatives, learn about the Virginia legislative process, and advocate – with Vestry concurrence – on behalf of Immanuel on one or two issues important to our faith.



This year, we will be following up on further legislative action regarding higher education opportunities in Virginia’s prisons and easing zoning restrictions on those Virginia churches that want to use part of their property for affordable housing.

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is the overall sponsor of this exciting day. For more information, or to make sure you have a place on the bus, please talk to [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [Julie Bruns](#); registration is required (see QR code at left), and we can defray the fee for anyone who requests it. Lunch will be provided.

Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship January activities:

Join Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship and see the world in a whole new way! We will start the New Year off with a trip to the **Washington National Cathedral** to take a tour of the stained-glass windows on Thursday, January 15. We will be eating lunch first and then taking a guided tour. While walking through the Cathedral, you will witness the stylistic evolution of Cathedral windows from 1911 to the present and learn about the creation process, which combines artistry and technical skill. In the tour, you will also discover how to “read” a window, decoding symbols that add meaning and depth to each lancet.

We will be assembling at the Zabriskie parish hall at noon. After lunch, our one-hour tour begins at 2:00pm. We plan to return to the Parish Hall no later than 4:00pm. Tickets for the tour are \$20 per person, and the co-pay to ride in the van is \$20. I have 20 tickets for this event, which is sold out. Please RSVP to Karen at Karen.Besser@gmail.com.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA on January 21 at noon in the Fillmore room. Please join us for luncheon and conversation. RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH: SAINTS ALIVE! Do you ever wonder if there are folks among us who will be recognized in future times as saints? When Pauli Murray spent her third year of seminary at VTS in 1975-76 she was 65 years old, and had been a civil rights lawyer, a co-founder of the National Organization for Women, and a published author and poet. Extraordinary certainly, but...a saint? But Murray, who was ordained in January 1977 and passed away in July 1985, was added to the Calendar of Commemorations of the Episcopal Church, and thus to Holy Women, Holy Men at General Convention 2012. Come and let's learn more about Pauli Murray's life and talk about what role Holy Women and Holy Men have in our lives.

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on Tuesday, January 27. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and drinks and dessert will be provided. No RSVP is necessary.

AS ALWAYS, friends are welcome to join Senior Ministry and Fellowship activities.



Every Member Pledge Campaign Update: As Thank you to all who have made a financial commitment to support our parish — vital to the life of this institution. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so promptly. You may return the pledge card that was mailed to you, pledge by scanning the QR code at right, or pledge through of December 9th, we have received 102 pledges so far, totaling \$561,650. This includes 6 new pledges and 57 who increased from last year. We hope for a total of \$725,000.



The annual meeting of Immanuel Parish will be held on Sunday, February 1, in Zabriskie Parish Hall, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Please plan to attend in person so we can meet the quorum needed for electing new Vestry members.

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 Mary Ann Ring Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Brian Rush Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
 Kristin Whitman Newcomers and Communications
 Sydney Onley Youth Representative

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *First Sunday of every month*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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